

TALLAHASSEE, Florida, June 13th, 1868.

To the President of the Senate of the State of Florida:

The undersigned contests the seat of N. A. Moragne, returned as Senator from the Seventeenth District, as disqualified to register and vote at the late election, of which papers and proofs will be submitted.

And your petitioner respectfully prays that he may be adjudged entitled to his seat as Senator from said Seventeenth District.

F. A. DOCKRAY.

On motion of Mr. Knight, the petition was referred to the Committee on Privileges and Elections.

On motion of Mr. Knight, it was

Resolved, That the Sergeant-at-Arms be instructed to purchase all stationery supplies needed for this body.

Mr. Goss moved that the Committee on Rules be instructed to act with a similar committee from the Assembly upon joint rules;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Knight offered the following resolution:

Resolved, The Assembly concurring, that a committee of two from the Senate, and three from the Assembly, be appointed to prepare an appropriate seal, as provided in the Constitution, for the use of the State;

Which was passed, and sent to the Assembly.

On motion of Mr. Meacham, the Senate adjourned until tomorrow morning, 11 o'clock.

TUESDAY, June 16th, 1868.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by the President *pro tem*.

The roll was called, and a quorum present.

The journal was read and approved.

On motion of Mr. Purman, Charles F. Daly was elected Assistant Door-keeper.

On motion of Mr. Meacham, Joseph Mitchell was elected Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms.

On motion of Mr. Alden, Clerks were elected as follows:

For Enrolling Clerk—D. Eagan.

For Engrossing Clerk—G. K. Sammis.

For Recording Clerk—G. P. Barlow.

On motion of Mr. Purman, W. S. Roberts was elected Second Assistant Clerk of the Senate.

On motion of Mr. Purman, O. B. Armstrong was elected Post Master of the Senate.

On motion of Mr. Alden, Hon. H. G. Plantz was invited to a seat within the bar.

On motion of Mr. Knight, the Rev. James Page was elected Chaplain of the Senate.

Mr. Crawford moved that if there are any Senators present who have not been sworn in they now be sworn;

Which was agreed to.

A. L. McCaskill appeared from the Second District, and exhibited evidence of his election.

On motion of Mr. Crawford, he took the oath of office.

Mr. Knight moved that the Secretary be instructed to notify the officers elected to-day of their election, as soon as practicable;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Goss moved that the Senate of the State of Florida do now proceed, under the act of Congress, approved July 25th, 1866, entitled "An act to regulate the times and manner of holding elections for Senators in Congress," to elect United States Senators to fill the two existing vacancies in the United States Senate;

Which was agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Knight it was

Resolved, That the Senate now proceed to the election of a United States Senator for the term expiring on the 3d of March, 1873.

The vote was taken *viva voce*, and resulted as follows:

For T. W. Osborn—Mr. President, Messrs. Alden, Davidson, Katzenberg, Knight, Meacham, and Purman—7.

For O. B. Hart—Messrs. Goss, Hunt, Krimminger, Mobley, and Underwood—5.

For Wm. Marvin—Messrs. Ginn, Moragne, Weeks, and Wood—4.

For B. D. Wright—Mr. McCaskill—1.

For S. Walker—Mr. Pearce—1.

For H. Reed—Mr. Crawford—1.

No candidate receiving a majority, there was no choice.

On motion of Mr. Knight it was

Resolved, That the Senate now proceed to the election of a United States Senator for the term expiring March 3d, 1869.

The vote was taken *viva voce*, and resulted as follows:

For T. W. Osborn—Messrs. Goss, Hunt, Knight, Krimminger, and Mobley—5.

For O. B. Hart—Mr. President, Messrs. Katzenberg, Meacham, and Purman—4.

For A. S. Welch—Messrs. Alden, Davidson, Knight, and Underwood—4.

For B. D. Wright—Messrs. Ginn, Moragne, McCaskill, Weeks, and Wood—5.

For S. Walker—Mr. Pearce—1.

No candidate receiving a majority, there was no choice.

On motion of Mr. Purman, the Senate adjourned until tomorrow morning, 11 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, June 17th, 1868.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order at 12 M. by the President *pro tem*.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

The roll being called, a quorum was present.

Mr. Goss offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the names of the Senators voting for U. S. Senators, and the names of the candidates for whom they voted, be spread upon the Journal of the Senate;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Alden, Chairman of Committee on Joint Rules, reported a set of Joint Rules, which were received, and on motion of Mr. Davidson, ordered to be printed and laid on the table.

Mr. Knight presented a petition contesting the seat of Mr. Crawford, Senator from the Seventh District, which was, upon motion of Mr. Knight, referred to the Committee on Privilege and Elections.

A message was received from the Assembly announcing that the Senate resolution appointing a Joint Committee on a State Seal had been adopted by that body.

The President *pro tem*. appointed Messrs. Knight and Wood as members of the Committee on the part of the Senate.

Mr. Mobley moved that the Senator elect from the 18th District be now sworn in;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. William Bradwell came forward and took the oath of office as Senator from the 18th District.

Mr. Alden moved that the Sergeant-at-Arms be authorized to have the desks of Senate Chamber repaired;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Goss moved that a committee of five be appointed to report names of Senators for all the Standing Committees of this body, subject to the action of the Senate.

Mr. Knight moved that the appointment of Standing Committees be indefinitely postponed;

Upon which a division was called for, and resulted in yeas 15, nays none.

So the motion was passed.

Mr. Knight moved that the Senate take a recess till five minutes to twelve M., and that the Senate then re-assemble for a joint session with the Assembly;

Which was agreed to.

The Senate accordingly took a recess, and resumed its sitting at five minutes to 12 M.

On motion of Mr. Mobley, a message was sent to the Assembly announcing that the Senate would be ready to meet the Assembly in joint session at 12 M., for the purpose of electing U. S. Senators.

A message was received from the Assembly announcing that that body would be ready at 12 M. to meet the Senate in joint session.

At 12 o'clock M. the Senate proceeded in a body to the Assembly Chamber.

The Joint Session was called to order by the President *pro tem*. of the Senate, who stated that the object of the joint session was the election of two U. S. Senators to fill existing vacancies.

The rolls of the two Houses were called, and twenty Senators and forty-eight Assemblymen answered to their names.

The Journals of the two Houses were read, from which it appeared that there had been no choice of United States Senators.

On motion of Mr. Knight, it was—

Resolved, That the Legislature now proceed to elect a United States Senator for the term ending March 3d, 1873.

The vote was taken *viva voce*, as follows:

SENATE.

For T. W. Osborn—Mr. President, Messrs. Alden, Davidson, Katzenberg, Knight, Krimminger, Meacham, and Purman—8.

For O. B. Hart—Messrs. Bradwell, Crawford, Goss, Hunt, Mobley, Pearce, and Underwood—7.

For William Marvin—Messrs. Moragne, McCaskill, Weeks, Wood, and Ginn—5.

ASSEMBLY.

For T. W. Osborn, 23; O. B. Hart, 13; William Marvin, 11.

Totals—Osborn, 31; Hart, 20; Marvin, 16.

Whole number voting—67.

Necessary to a choice—34.

So there was no choice.

On motion of Mr. Knight, the Legislature proceeded to a second vote;